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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 8, 2007.

An Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

ELECTION OF CLAIMS

The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group 1 - claims 1-22, directed to a saddle; and

Group 2 - claims 23-34, directed to a saddle tree.

Applicant hereby elects claims 23-34 for continued examination. New claims 35-44, which depend from claims 24-33, respectively, are presented herein and are believed to read on the elected group.